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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

In re Application of
Thomas J. Whalen et al.
Application No. 09/574,379
Filed: May 19, 2000
For: Novel High Viscosity Embolizing
Compositions

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed February 27, 2001.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After the mailing of this decision, the file will be forwarded to Office of Initial Patent Examination for preexamination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

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EXHIBIT 2



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Dear Mr. Tran:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 118 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will designated therein as a joint inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any patent thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position or record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-6911. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1 (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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